Treatment in private hospitals

80. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge number of patients are denied opportunity of treatment in reputed private hospitals and nursing homes throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to bring forward necessary legislative and/or administrative measures setting forth effective guidelines for the proper treatment of patients in private hospitals; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, regulation of private and public hospitals as well as nursing homes comes within the purview of State Governments and, therefore, such information is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, Central Government is considering putting in place standards and specifications that will prescribe minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments which the State Governments should adhere to.

States lagging behind in implementation of health schemes

†81. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are lagging behind in proper implementation of various health schemes of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the laxity on the part of States is one of the main reasons for population growth as per the Planning Commission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.